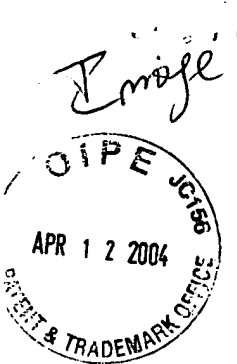


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In re Application of:

Richlen, et al.

Serial No: 10/032,701

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING
A WEAKENED REGION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding restriction requirement mailed March 12, 2004, Applicants elect the claims of Group II (Claims 11-20, 31-40, 42 and 44). The claims of Groups I and III have been cancelled without prejudice as set forth below.



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659-920 K-C Ref. 17595
Serial No. 10/032,701	Filing Date December 28, 2001	Examiner Karin M. Reichle	Group Art Unit 3761
Inventor(s) Richlen et al.			
Title of Invention ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING A WEAKENED REGION			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment; and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
Total		Minus		
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Small Entity		or	Other Than Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee		Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =			x \$18 =	
x 43 =			x \$86 =	
+ \$145 =			+ \$290 =	
Total add'l fee	\$		Total add'l fee	\$

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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